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Dear Iain

Thank you for your email of 27 September on behalf of your constituents about the People's Plan for Nature (PPfN).

I welcome the contribution the PPfN makes, and the work of the volunteers who contributed so much to it. I met with some of those involved with the PPfN on 4 July.

A thriving natural world is so important to us all, which is why this Government has put a legal requirement in place to halt the decline in nature and, following the release of our 25 Year Environment Plan, have now published a comprehensive strategy – our Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) – setting out how we will continue to restore habitats, plant more trees, ensure we have clean water in our rivers and make sure that everyone can be 15 minutes from green space or water.

The EIP includes legally binding targets that will tackle some of the biggest pressures facing our environment. They will ensure progress on: clean air; clean and plentiful water; less waste and more sustainable use of our resources; a step change in tree planting; a better marine environment; and a more diverse, resilient and healthy natural environment. We have set out our delivery plans for each of the targets, matched with stretching interim targets to measure progress.

Since 2010 we have made significant progress, establishing over 100 Marine Protected Areas, creating and restoring habitat equivalent to the area of Dorset, enhancing 2,300 km of riverways and water habitat and more. Our Back from the Brink Programme has also seen improvements in 96 priority species and benefited over 180 species. However, we know there is much more to do.

Reversing the long-term decline in nature is a challenge in which we can all play a part and I would encourage everyone – the public, communities, businesses – to participate in this valuable conversation and get involved.

Yours sincerely

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